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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 and 2 as indicated below.

- 1. (Currently amended) An ink jet recording material comprising a support and at least one image recording layer, wherein on the upper side of the image recording layer there is deposited a protective layer containing an organic sulphur-containing compound which forms complexes with metal ions, and a boric acid compound, and wherein the image recording layer and/or the protective layer contains an organic compound having the formula MeX or MeX₂ where Me is a transition metal from group VIb, VIIb, VIIIb, Ib and IIb in the Periodic Table and X is an anion of a carboxylic acid having 4 to 12 carbon atoms.
- 2. (Currently amended) The recording material according to claim 1, wherein the image recording receiving layer contains at least one dye-fixing layer and at least one ink absorbing layer, wherein the dye-fixing layer is between the ink absorbing layer and the protective layer.
- (Original) The recording material according to claim 1 wherein the transition metal is selected from the group consisting of copper, cobalt, nickel, and manganese.
- 4. (Original) The recording material according to claim 1 wherein the anion is an anion of a hydroxycarboxylic acid.
- (Original) The recording material according to claim 4 wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid is selected from gluconic acid, glucaric acid, succinic acid,

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hydroxysuccinic acid (malic acid), 2,3-dihydroxysuccinic acid (tartaric acid) and their mixtures.

- 6. (Original) The recording material according to claim 4 wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid is selected from the group of compounds containing an aromatic ring, especially hydroxybenzoic acids such as 2-hydroxybenzoic acid (salicylic acid), 3-hydroxybenzoic acid, 4-hydroxybenzoic acid, 2,4,5-trihydroxybenzoic acid, 4- or 5-sulphosalicylic acid, 4- or 5-hydroxythiosalicylic acid.
- 7. (Original) The recording material according to claim 1 wherein the anion is selected from ethylene diamine tetracetic acid (EDTA), ethylene diamine triacetic acid, hydroxyethyl ethylene diamine tetracetic acid (HEEDTA), nitrolo triacetic acid or their salts.
- 8. (Original) The recording material according to claim 1 wherein the metal-compound-containing layer contains a hydroxybenzoic sulphonic acid as another component.
- 9. (Original) The recording material according to claim 1 wherein the complex-forming organic sulphur compound is a compound having the general formula R₂C=S, whereby R equally or independently of one another is hydrogen, an NH₂ group, an NHR¹ group, an NR¹₂ group, a methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl group, a substituted or non-substituted aryl with 5 to 12 carbon atoms or al. koxy with 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or both groups R form an aromatic or non-aromatic ring with 5 or

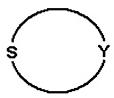
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6 carbon atoms which can contain nitrogen and/or sulphur as a heteroatom, wherein R¹ equally or independently of one another has the same meaning as R.

10. (Original) The recording material according to claim 1 wherein the complexforming organic sulphur-containing compound is a compound having the general formula



wherein Y denotes the atoms required to form a substituted or non-substituted aromatic or non-aromatic ring.

- 11. (Original) The recording material according to claims 1 to 8, wherein the complex-forming organic sulphur-containing compound is a compound having the general formula R₂S, wherein R equally or independently of one another denotes hydrogen, al. kyl with 1 to 6 carbon atoms, substituted or non-substituted aryl with 5 to 12 carbon atoms, al. koxy with 1 to 3 carbon atoms, an NH₂ group, an NHR¹ group, an NR¹₂ group, OR¹, wherein R¹ has the same meaning as R.
- 12. (Original) The recording material according to claim 1 wherein the metal compound/sulphur-containing compound weight ratio is 1:1 to 1:2.